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SUBJECT: TRADE ACT OF 1974 - GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF

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1. ECON COUNSELOR MET WITH KUTENDA, DIRECTOR OF FON MIN'S INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION DIVISION TO DISCUSS GSP AS REQUIRED BY REFTELS. KUTENDAKANA STRONGLY CONFIRMED THAT ZAIRE DOES NOT GIVE REVERSE PREFERENCES
AND HAS NO INTENTION OF DOING SO. HE ALSO ASSURED ECON COUNSELOR THAT U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY EQUITABLE AND REASONABLE ACCESS TO ZAIRE'S MARKETS AND BASIC COMMODITY RESOURCES. HE POINTED TO PAST PRACTICE AS INDICATOR OF ZAIRE'S POLICY IN THIS REGARD AND SINGLED OUT PGESIDENT MOBUTU'S SPEECH TO RECENT AAI CONFERENCE (REF C) AS GUAGE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FUTURE INTENTIONS.

- 2. CONCERNING EXPRESSION BY ZAIRE OF ITS DESIRE TO BE DESIGNATED AS BENEFICIARY OF GSP, KUTENDAKANS SAID THAT HE KNEW SUCH WAS CASE, BUT THAT HE WOULD ASK THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE TO SUBMIT QUESTION FORMALLY TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. HE WAS CONFIDENT GOZ WOULD RESPOND IN AFFIRMATIVE AND IN WRITING. SINCE KUTENDAKANA SEEMED BENT ON THIS METHOD OF RELAYING ZAIRE'S EXPRESSION OF INTEREST, ECON COUNSELOR AGREED TO WAIT FOR WRITTEN ANSWER.
- 3. WE FORESEE SOME DELAY, BECAUSE OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE, BEFORE WE GET FORMAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST. HINTON

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